

Royal Brighton Yacht Club

Decision of the Protest Committee

Event: Blizzard Fleet Series

Protest Number: 1

Date of Hearing: 30/06/ 2021

Date of Incident: 26/06/2021

Race Number: Race 3

Boat Protesting: Jaffa Represented by Nicholas McGuigan

Boat(s) Protested: Rampant Represented by Robert Forrester

Witnesses: Roger Incleson, Peter Dee

Objections: Nil

Translator(s): Not required

Validity: Protest declared valid

Facts Found:

1. At Mark 3 of the course Jaffa was clear ahead of Rampant.
2. On the leg of the course from Mark 3 to Mark 5 Rampant passed Jaffa to windward.
3. Rampant broke the overlap of Jaffa and was clear ahead prior to reaching the three-boat length zone at Mark 5.
4. At Mark 5 the bow of Jaffa collided with the starboard quarter of Rampant approximately 2 metres from the stern of Rampant.
5. Rampant received minor damage to the starboard quarter and stanchion.
6. Jaffa touched Mark 5.
7. No penalty turns were taken by either boat.

Conclusions: Rampant was not required to give mark room to Jaffa at Mark 5 under RRS 18.2.

Rules that Apply: 18.2 (b),14,31

Decision: Jaffa is disqualified from the race as a result of her infringement of RRS 18.2(b),14,31

Rampant did not have an opportunity to keep clear once it was clear that Jaffa was not keeping clear or giving room at the mark and as such has not infringed Rule 14.

Protest Committee: Andrew Merrett (Chairman), John Mooney, Peter Osbourne

Chairman's Signature

Decision Advised: 30/06/2021